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SUBJECT: UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE, NAIROBI

1. DR. OLU IBUKUN, NAIROBI REGIONAL UNESCO HEAD, TOLD AMBASSADOR AUGUST 5 THAT GENERAL CONFERENCE WILL DEFINITELY RPT DEFINITELY BE HELD NAIROBI. IBUKUN SAID THIS DECISION BECAME FIRM ONLY ONE WEEK AGO. IBUKUN SAID MANY AFRICAN NATIONS NOT RESPONSIVE TO GOK APPEAL FOR MONEY TO DEFRAY ADDITIONAL COSTS OF HOLDING CONVENTION IN NAIROBI INSTEAD OF PARIS, SINCE THEY VIEW NAIROBI AS OPTIONAL SITE AND SEE NO REASON TO PAY EXTRA.
 2. IBUKUN CURRENTLY EXPECTS 3,500 WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE, OF WHICH 550 WILL BE UNESCO STAFF. FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE NEWS CORRESPONDENTS. HOWEVER, IBUKUN EXPECTS NUMBERS TO GROW FURTHER BEFORE CONFERENCE STARTS, AND IS WORRIED THAT ACCOMMODATIONS RESERVED ON BASIS EARLIER ESTIMATES WILL PROVE INADEQUATE.
 3. IN ATTEMPT REDUCE DELEGATE EXPENSES, FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE OFFERED FREE USE OF SYMPHONIE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, IBUKUN SAID. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT EAST AFRICAN EXTELCOMS OPPOSES ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER BECAUSE OF OBVIOUS REVENUE LOSS.
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MOREOVER, KENYANS ARE CONCERNED THAT USE OF SYMPHONIE

WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO INTELSAT.

5. IBUKUN TOLD AMBASSADOR HE EXPECTS SERIOUS DISCUSSION AT UNESCO CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROPOSALS MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINER AT UNCTAD IV. MARSHALL

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